

Strychnos innocua

Loganiaceae

Indigenous

Common names: **Ateso:** Ekwalakwala, eturukukuti **Lugbara:** Longoro **Luo:** Akwalakwala **Luo A:** Koko **Luo J:** Kikwala **Lusoga:** Muswaki **Madi:** Unde **Runyoro, dialect Bugungu:** Masaga **Sebei:** Mkukwa.

Ecology: A tree growing in lowlands from Kenya to Malawi and South Africa, from coastal bushland and *Brachystegia* woodlands up to 1,400 m. In Uganda this shrubby tree occurs in open woodland and on rocky hills.

Uses: Firewood, charcoal, local tools, food (fruit pulp), shade.

Description: A shrub or small straight-stemmed tree, usually 3-6 m, **without spines**. Branches are often twisted and branchlets hang down. **BARK:** pale grey, smooth. Branchlets powdery grey-green to yellow-brown. **LEAVES:** in opposite pairs, widely spaced apart, tough, **dull blue-green**, with **3-5 main veins** and **clear net veining, both sides similar**, oblong but **wider at the rounded tip**, 4-10 cm long. **FLOWERS:** 8 mm long, green-cream, **2-4 in stalked clusters beside leaves, calyx shorter than petals**, a ring of **white hairs in the throat**. **FRUIT:** round, with a thick woody shell, about 5-7 cm across, blue-green ripening **yellow-orange**, containing **many seeds** in pulp.

Propagation: Seedlings (sow seed in pots), direct sowing on site.

Seed: Crack the fruit to remove the seeds which are embedded in the yellow pulp.

treatment: not necessary.

storage sow as soon as collected.

Management: Pruning, lopping, pollarding.

Remarks: It makes excellent firewood that burns even when not dry.

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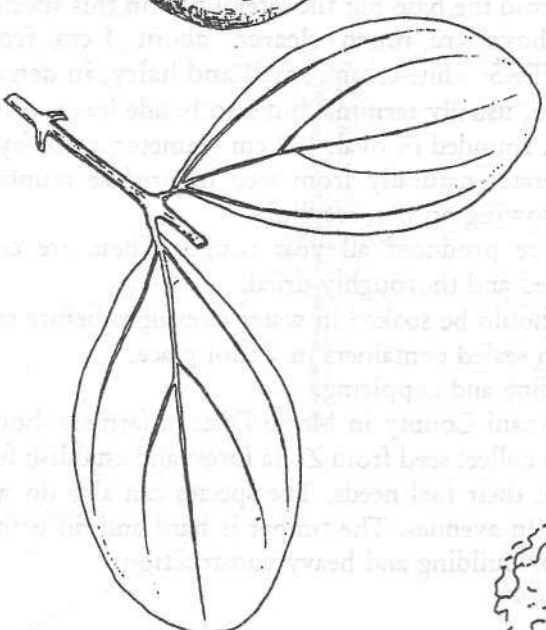
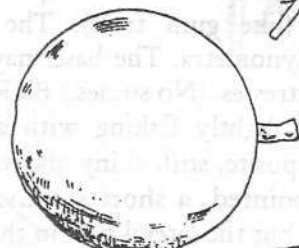
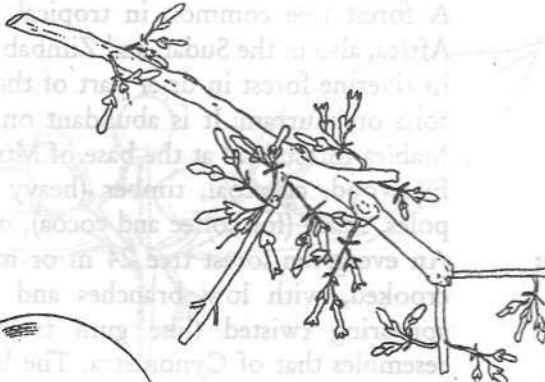
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